most of time of litigations' appearing in the Pioneer dated October 7, 1997;

(b) if so,the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps, the Government propose to take to mitigate the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is being looked into and a detailed response will be laid on the Table of the House.

Schemes for Development of Education in Chandigarh

903. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain schemes were chalked out for the improvement and development of education and educational institutions in the Union Territory Chandigarh for 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of mony allocated to each one of them and the amount actually spent therefrom; and

(d) the quantum of money which remained unutilised during the said period and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKAI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Etectronic Exchanges in U.P.

904. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA':

SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM:

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Electronic and manual telephone exchanges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges converted into electronic exchanges during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of new electronic exchanges set up during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the number of exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) I. As on 31.10.97, 22508 electronic telephone exchanges are functioning in the country. Statewise details given in statement.

II. There is no manual telephone exchange functioning in the country.

(b) 2316 telephone exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges during the last three years (1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97). Statewise details are given in the statement enclosed.

(c) 3259 new electronic telephone exchanges have been set up during the last three years (1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97). State-wise details are given in the statement enclosed.

(d) 205 telephone exchanges are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during the current financial year.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of electronic exchanges as on 31.10.97	No. of Manual exchs. as on 31.10.97	No. of telephone exchs. converted into electronic exchs. during last 3 years	No. of electronic exchs. set up during last three years
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	A.P.	1957	NIL	640	58
2.	Assam	299	NIL	4	33
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	65	NIL	NIL	20
4.	Bihar	827	NIL	13	83
5.	Gujarat	1395	NIL	166	161

1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Goa	72	NIL	NIL	19
7.	Haryana	775	NIL	22	178
8.	Himachal Pradesh	592	NIL	28	178
9.	J & K	230	NIL	72	39
10.	Karnataka	2086	NIL	223	240
11.	Kerala	784	NIL	114	104
12.	M.P.	3067	NIL	33	333
13.	Maharashtra	2722	NIL	277	419
14.	Manipur	30	NIL	NIL	2
15.	Meghalaya	42	NIL	NIL	4
16.	Mizoram	36	NIL	NIL	15
17.	Nagaland	34	NIL	NIL	2
18.	Orissa	741	NIL	13	78
19.	Punjab	918	NIL	55	227
20.	Rajasthan	1503	NIL	172	409
21.	Sikkim (WB)	20	NIL	NIL	4
22.	Tamil Nadu	1446	NIL	287	147
23.	Tripura	48	NIL	NIL	8
24.	U.P.	1949	NIL	70	276
25.	W. Bengal	737	NIL	121	167
26.	Delhi	132	NIL	6	55
	Total	22508		2316	3259

National Lake Conservation Plan

905. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh has submitted any schemes to the Union Government under the National Lake Conservation Plan for clearance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these schemes are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. a revised feasibility report for conservation and management of the Sagar Lake under the National Lake Conservation Plan has been submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 28.45 crore. The scheme is under consideration of the Government and a dicision will be taken in due course.

[English]

National Culture Fund

906. SHRI G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Whose culture is it? Industry ignores funds" appearing in the Indian Express dated November 10, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture have set up a National Culture Fund (NCF in short) in terms of a